

Terry sat glumly in his desk at school. The teacher was explaining about the math test that she was giving the following day. Terry knew that he had not studied his math facts as well as he could. He knew that he would have to study very hard tonight to be ready for the test tomorrow. Terry's friend, George, leaned over to whisper to Terry. "Are you ready for the test?" he asked. "No, I'm not," whispered Terry. "I'll have to study late tonight to be ready for the test tomorrow."

Terry kicked a rock down the street as he headed for home. He hated the thought of having to study for the test tonight. The air was warm and he wanted to go out and play baseball with his friends. When Terry got home, he ate a snack of chocolate chip cookies. He watched cartoons on the TV. He went out to the backyard and threw sticks for his dog to catch. He climbed high into a tree and watched the branches sway back and forth. He did everything he could to get out of studying for the test.

At last, it was time to go to bed. Terry felt very guilty inside. He knew that he had not studied for the test like he said he would. That night, Terry dreamed of taking the math test. He dreamed that he got the test back and it had a big "A" at the top of the test. When Terry woke up he realized that the "A" was just a dream. Today was the day to take the big math test.

Terry walked to school with dread in his heart. He did not want to take the test. When he got to class the teacher handed out the tests. Terry looked at the test lying on his desk. Just as he thought, he did not know any of the problems. "Oh, why didn't I study for this test?" he thought.

Then Terry had an idea. Terry had a very sneaky, bad idea. "I'll just peek at someone else's paper while the teacher isn't looking," he thought. When the teacher turned her back, Terry peeked over George's shoulder to look at his test. George did not know that Terry was looking at his paper.

"Terry!" yelled the teacher. "Why are you looking at George's paper?" All of the students turned around to look at Terry. Terry's face turned beet red. He knew he had been caught. The teacher came back and took Terry's paper. She ripped the test up and threw it into the trashcan. She sent Terry down to the office for a spanking. Terry sat in a chair in the school office. He felt very sad and ashamed inside. "I will study for my tests from now on," he said to himself.

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